



## State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Eight funding and technical assistance opportunities are available for state, local, and tribal governments from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and others that can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including economic development, sustainable communities, green infrastructure, and water efficiency. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below.

In addition, please visit EPA's [Grants website](#) for further grant opportunities, guidance on how to apply, and training.

## Funding Opportunities

### **New!** EPA OLEM Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities - \$2 million

*Applications Due: October 7, 2021*

*Eligible Entities: States (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands), local, tribal, interstate, and intrastate government agencies and instrumentalities.*

EPA is seeking applications for projects from states, Tribes, territories, and nonprofit organizations to help reduce food loss and waste, and divert food waste from landfills by expanding anaerobic digestion (AD) capacity in the United States. All applications must achieve one or more of the following objectives: develop new or expand existing AD capacity for processing food waste; demonstrate solutions and/or approaches for increasing food waste AD utilization that can be replicated by other communities, governments, or other entities; support state, tribal, and/or local government programs that seek to use AD to increase their food waste diversion rates.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#) .

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## **DOE SolSmart Program Management - \$10 million**

*Applications Due: August 17, 2021*

*Eligible Entities: State governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, city or township governments, special district governments, county governments*

The activities to be funded under this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will support the government-wide approach to the climate crisis by driving innovation that can lead to the deployment of clean energy technologies, which are critical for climate protection. Specifically, this funding program will help to reduce the soft costs of solar energy deployment—those costs not associated with the hardware—which account for up to 64% of the upfront cost of a residential solar installation. This FOA seeks an entity to manage and expand DOE's SolSmart program, which supports and recognizes local governments that reduce soft costs and expand access to solar energy. This community designation and technical assistance program was launched in 2016 and has recognized almost 400 communities from Florida to Alaska. Now, DOE is expanding the program to incorporate new solar-related technologies and respond to the evolving needs of local governments. The chosen entity will manage the program for the next five years.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **DOI Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program - \$13 million**

*Applications Due: September 30, 2021*

*Eligible Entities: Tribal, state, county governments, tribal organizations, city or township governments, independent school districts, and others*

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, community-based program that provides technical and financial assistance through cooperative agreements to coastal communities, conservation partners, and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. The Coastal Program staff coordinates with partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation goals and priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the Coastal Program directs resources to conserve habitat for Federal trust species.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **New! NOAA Climate Program Office FY2022 - \$15 million**

*Applications Due: October 18, 2021*

*Eligible Entities: Institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments.*

Climate variability and change present society with significant economic, health, safety, and security challenges. As part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) climate portfolio within the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), the Climate Program Office (CPO) addresses these climate challenges by managing competitive research programs through which high-priority climate science, assessments, decision-support research, outreach, education, and capacity-

building activities are funded to advance our understanding of the Earth's climate system, and to foster the application and use of this knowledge to improve the resilience of our Nation and its partners. Through this announcement, CPO is seeking applications for eight individual competitions in FY22. Several of these competitions are relevant to four high-priority climate risk areas CPO is focusing on to improve science understanding and/or capabilities that result in user-driven outcomes: Coastal Inundation, Marine Ecosystems, Water Resources, and Extreme Heat.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **NPS Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant - \$150 million**

*Applications Due: September 24, 2021*

*Eligible Entities: States, whether on behalf of themselves or eligible urban jurisdictions, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)*

The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program is a competitive grant program. Its goal is to provide new or significantly improve recreation opportunities for economically-disadvantaged communities in larger urbanized areas (as designated by the Census Bureau) that are under-served in terms of parks and other outdoor recreation resources. The program enables urban communities to create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors in economically underserved communities.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities**

### **EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: State, local and tribal governments*

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

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### **On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: Tribal governments*

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#) .

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## **DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance**

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions*

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#) .

## **Grant Writing Basics Blog Series**

Learn tips and advice for writing federal grant applications through the Grant Writing Basics Blog Series. The goal of the series is to provide the essential basics to begin writing on a solid foundation.

Topics covered include:

- How to Start Working on Future Funding Opportunities
- Demystifying Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Tips to Avoid Last Minute Problems
- Making Sure You Are Eligible before Writing

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